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King's Maritime History Seminars, 2026-27

24 September 2026

Shipping on the Road to Net Zero. Lessons from Maritime History
Stig Tenold, NHH Norwegian School of Economics

8 October 2026

Prize Money in Nelson's Navy
Grahame Aldous KC, Inns of Court College of Advocacy

22 October 2026

The Naval War in the Baltic, 1914-1915
Mark Harris, Independent Researcher

5 November 2026

More than Venice's Successor: Rethinking the Austrian Navy in the Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries
Jiayi Liu, King's College London

19 November 2026

The Improbable Austro-Japanese War
Ian Stafford, Independent Researcher

The Proctor Memorial Lecture

**to be held at Lloyds Register. See below for special registration details*

3 December 2026

'Overawed and Controlled'? London's Maritime Workforce in the 19th Century
Sarah Palmer, University of Greenwich

The Peter N. Davies Memorial Lecture

21 January 2027

Littoral History: the functions and effectiveness of Yorkshire coast havens, harbours and refuges
Robb Robinson, University of Hull



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4 February 2027

'Beyond the Deck': Shore Suits and Subcultural Identity in Hull's Fishing Community
Claire Day, Coventry University London

18 February 2027

Boom to Bust in Three Years: Cardiff Shipping post-WWI
Roy Fenton, BCMH and 'Ships in Focus'

4 March 2027

The Improbable Life of Sir Home Popham (TBC)
Jacqueline Reiter, Independent Scholar

18 March 2027*

The Design, Construction, Use, and Conversion of T2-SE-A1 Tankers
Peter Hames, SUNY Maritime College

**Note: This paper will be delivered remotely and can be attended online or in person in the usual room.*

29 April 2027

The Battle of Trafalgar, Monday 21 October 1805 - Interpretations Through Art
Michael E. Leek, Arts University Bournemouth

13 May 2027

Hospital Ships of the Royal Navy in World War One
Edward J. Wawrzynczak and Jane VS Wickenden,

27 May 2027

Julian Corbett and the British Way of War: Exploring the Principles for a European Naval Strategy
Friso Stevens, University of Oxford / The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies



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The King's Maritime History Seminars for 2026-27 may be attended in person or online. As always, attendance is free and open to all. To take part, you must register in advance by visiting the KCL School of Security Studies Events page, here: www.kcl.ac.uk/security-studies/events.*

Online attendees will receive instructions shortly before the event, by email, about how to join. Otherwise, we will meet in person, as usual, in the Dockrill Room, KIN 628, at King's College London. Papers will begin at 17:15 GMT.

***(Note, however, that the Proctor Lecture on the 3rd of December 2026 will be held at Lloyd's Register, and registration is to be done via the BCMH website [Lectures & Events : British Commission for Maritime History](#))**

The King's Maritime History Seminar is hosted by the 'Laughton Naval Unit' and the 'Sir Michael Howard Centre for the History of War' in the Department of War Studies, King's College London. It is organised by the British Commission for Maritime History (www.maritimehistory.org.uk) in association with the Society for Nautical Research (<https://snr.org.uk/>). For further information contact Dr Alan James, War Studies, KCL, WC2R 2LS (alan.2.james@kcl.ac.uk).